CONSERVATION PRACTICE

TECHNICAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY

For Engineering Practices

Assignment and Acceptance For:

Employee	Title
Employer	Date

Recommended by:

Area Engineer	Date

Concurred by: (Concurrence is only required for NRCS employees who are being delegated technical approval for work considered professional engineering practice.)

State Conservation Engineer	Date

Technical approval authority assigned by:

Name	Title
Signature	Date

ETHICS STATEMENT

By signing this form, I agree to utilize my assigned technical approval authority only for work that I am competent and qualified to perform. I will seek assistance from others when complicating factors warrant.

I also understand that recommended conservation practices can have negative effects on some natural resources. I agree to consider the potential impacts of practices on all resources before recommending their use.

Employee's Signature	Date

NOTE:
Practices marked with an asterisk are considered to be professional engineering practice. This was determined based upon complexity and potential hazards associated with the practice. Approval authority for these may be issued to qualified federal employees who are exempt from state registration requirements. Site specific conditions may cause a practice of any size to be considered professional engineering practice. Any practice with significant hazard potential will require Class VI approval.

Practices not included on the Engineering TAA chart will require Project-specific assignment of TAA by the state office.

Definitions of approval columns:

Inventory and Evaluation - Preliminary on-site investigation and preparation of sound alternative solutions of sufficient detail for the cooperator to make treatment decisions. May require assistance from higher levels for large or complex jobs.

Design - Designing and checking all aspects of the supporting data, drawings and specifications to insure that the planned practice will meet the purpose for which it is intended. Also setting any specific construction inspection requirements.

Construction - Surveys, layout, staking, inspection of materials and work, and making tests to determine that the job meets the plans and specifications. Specific duties authorized in inspection plans can be performed regardless of construction approval level.